

ABSTRACT

THESIS: Frascati Plantation: A Cultural Landscape Report
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This creative project involved the preparation of a cultural landscape report for Frascati Plantation near Gordonsville, Orange County, Virginia. Using methodologies adapted from the National Park Service and National Register of Historic Places, the report defines the existing conditions, historic significance, and appropriate treatment approach for the plantation's formal gardens and grounds. The report also explored the appropriateness of art as a research tool, the use of the Golden Ratio in landscape design, and the development and evolution of serpentine brick walls. Other report chapters include site history and contextual documentation, existing conditions assessment, analysis of historic significance and integrity, and treatment recommendations. Frascati is significant for its association with a person of historic interest, social history, architecture, and landscape architecture. The house at Frascati has maintained a high level of integrity, however, the integrity of the gardens and landscape has been compromised. Lack of integrity and a desire to coordinate with the rehabilitation of the house at Frascati to the mid-19th century led to rehabilitation as the chosen treatment option.